

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Referred	Committee / Ofc Referred	Date Adopted
61-32 (COR)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Relative to commending and congratulating the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (DMHSA) Healing Hearts Program Center for being named the 2013 National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Guam Chapter "Exemplary Service Provided" and extending a warm and sincere Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase for her hard work and dedication in assisting the needs of the most vulnerable population in our island community.	3/8/12 12:34 p.m.	03/15/13			3/15/2013

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 61-32 (COR)

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Relative to commending and congratulating the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (DMHSA) Healing Hearts Crisis Center on being named the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Guam Chapter 2013 “Exemplary Service Provider”; and to further extending a warm and sincere *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’* for its hard work and dedication in assisting with the needs of the most vulnerable population in our island community.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS**, the primary mission of the Healing Hearts Crisis Center program
4 under the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (DMHSA) is to

1 incorporate an holistic approach for individuals who may have experienced a sexual
2 assault. Regardless of when the assault occurred, or the age, race or sex of the victim,
3 Healing Hearts offers a supportive, healing atmosphere with caring people to assist the
4 victims in regaining feelings of safety, control, trust, autonomy and self-esteem; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 2012, a total of 156 clients were served by the Healing Hearts
6 Crisis Center, to include 56 medical evaluations, 8 multidisciplinary team interviews,
7 and the collection of 30 Guam Police Department sexual assault kits. Under the helm
8 of a new Program Manager, Healing Hearts has proved to be a powerful entity for
9 client advocacy by collaborating and establishing numerous community partnerships;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, a Memorandum of Understanding between Healing Hearts and
12 the Guam Sexual Assault and Abuse Resource Center Association (SAARCA) was
13 signed by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* (the Governor of Guam) to promote cooperation in
14 the fulfillment of the mutual interests and objectives between the two organizations,
15 and implement programs and services, diversify funding, and decrease sexual
16 violence. The Healing Hearts Crisis Center is an active participant in the Task Force
17 on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children within the Child Protective Act, and it
18 has worked to educate more than 2,800 students, teachers, librarians, school aides,
19 school nurses and counselors with their Red Flag/Green Flag presentations at 9 local
20 elementary schools across the island; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Healing Hearts program staff and management continue their
22 efforts to help assist and heal persons who have been victims of sexual assault, with
23 ongoing continued education and training at both the local and national levels. The
24 Healing Hearts Nurse Examiner achieved certification as a Pediatric Sexual Assault
25 Nurse Examiner, and was also the recipient of the National Sexual Violence Resource

1 Center’s 2012 Visionary Voice Award, and the National Recognition Citation for
2 MagPro; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the unyielding Healing Hearts staff has had to overcome
4 numerous obstacles throughout the past year. While Healing Hearts works diligently
5 to tap into all available resources, utilizing family or friends as translators has had to
6 be a realization for some victims in order to ensure expeditious care for those in need.
7 Healing Hearts is committed to assisting its clients by participating in continued
8 dialogue with other local agencies to increase the number of qualified persons to be
9 utilized for translation services. In addition, Healing Hearts serves in the role of crisis
10 intervention, forensic interviewing, providing medical services, and also providing
11 advocacy for its clients; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Healing Hearts staff works diligently and collaboratively with
13 the Guam Police Department (GPD) and Child Protective Service (CPS) to ensure that
14 the appropriateness of the provision of services cannot be called into question. The
15 Healing Hearts Crisis Center provides a safe and caring environment in which
16 survivors can begin the healing and recovery process; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Healing Hearts Crisis Center continues to seek and develop
18 novel ideas to better assist victims, and to develop resources to increase public
19 awareness, while developing new strategies to identify and fill gaps in services; now
20 therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’Trentai Dos Na*
22 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the people
23 of Guam, commend and congratulate the Department of Mental Health and Substance
24 Abuse (DMHSA) Healing Hearts Crisis Center on being named 2013 “Exemplary
25 Service Provider” by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Guam
26 Chapter; and does further extend a warm *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’* for its

1 hard work and dedication in assisting with the needs of the most vulnerable population
2 in our island community; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
4 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
5 the same be thereafter transmitted to the DMHSA Healing Hearts Crisis Center; to the
6 National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Guam Chapter; and to the
7 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

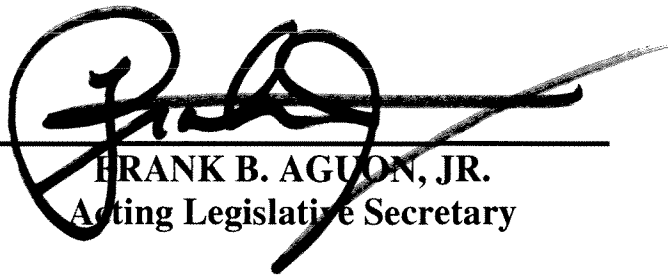
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 15TH DAY OF
MARCH 2013.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



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